

Transportation & Engineering Department February 27, 2009

Mr. Kenneth Wilson, P.E. Division Operations Engineer NCDOT Division 13 Post Office Box 3279 Asheville, NC 28802

RE: City of Asheville Requests for Small Enhancements Projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit small enhancements projects for consideration for funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The City of Asheville has identified a list of transportation needs that may be eligible for these funds. These projects represent unfunded needs in the City of Asheville that are ready for construction.

It is our understanding that this call for projects is part of a two-phase plan to program the ARRA enhancements funds. The City of Asheville has also identified a number of larger enhancements projects that may be eligible for funding under the second phase. At your direction, we will be prepared to submit those projects at a later date.

We look forward to working cooperatively with the NCDOT to spend this money quickly and efficiently in order to meet demonstrated needs and maximize return for the taxpayers. Listed below are projects that the City of Asheville has determined are a good fit for the small Enhancements category. For additional details about any of these projects, please contact Cathy Ball, City Engineer at 259-5405.

City of Asheville Small Enhancements Requests:	Estimated Cost
Bus Shelters and Bike Racks at various locations (4)	\$100,000
Bus Stop Signs, new and replacement	\$ 40,000
Bicycle Lockers at transit and parking facilities in Asheville	\$ 40,000
Pedestrian Signal, Crosswalks, and Signal Upgrades at Oakley Elementary School on Fairview Road	\$ 96,000
Pedestrian Signal and Crosswalks on Patton Ave. at Louisiana/North Louisiana Ave.	\$ 30,000
ADA Ramps and Crosswalk Markings at various locations	\$100,000
Coxe Avenue Bicycle Lanes	\$ 48,000
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Guide and Promotional Materials	\$100,000

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Sidewalk Gap Projects

Carter St. Connect mid-block linkage	\$ 60,000
Woodlawn St. Connect mid-block linkage, Bishop to Elizabeth	\$ 55,000
Cullowhee St. sidewalk linkage and one-way street, Montford to Pearson	\$ 70,000
Waneta St. sidewalk linkage and one-way street Montford to Pearson	\$ 75,000
Brownwood Ave. sidewalk linkage Haywood Rd. to Waynesville Ave.	\$ 82,000
Vermont Ave. sidewalk linkage Olney Rd. to Davenport Rd.	\$ 88,000
Allen St. sidewalk linkage Haywood Rd. to State St.	\$ 72,000
Michigan Ave. sidewalk linkage Indiana Ave. to State St	\$ 90,000
Spears Ave. sidewalk linkage Merrimon Ave. to Austin	\$ 35,000
Evelyn Pl. sidewalk linkage Kimberly Ave. to Murdock	\$ 25,000
Edwin Pl. sidewalk linkage Celia St. to Gertrude	\$ 25,000
Eagle St. sidewalk linkage Spruce St. to Davidson	\$ 25,000
Short Michigan sidewalk linkage State St. to Amboy Rd.	\$ 95,000
Conestee Pl. sidewalk linkage Spears to Coleman	\$ 50,000
King St. sidewalk linkage Merrimon to W.T. Weaver	\$ 70,000
Linden St. Birch St. to Royal Pines	\$ 63,000
Chunns Cove sidewalk	\$ 80,000
Depot St. sidewalk linkage	\$ 90,000

The City of Asheville is actively reviewing other projects that may be eligible for funding under the ARRA. Our staff will be glad to meet with you regarding any potential projects in the City of Asheville. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit these projects.

Sincerely,

Cathy D. Ball, P.E.

Director, Transportation and Engineering Department

cc: Jay Swain, P.E., NCDOT Division 13 Engineer

Jeff Moore, P.E. NCDOT District 2 Engineer

Carrie-Runser Turner, Coordinator, French Broad River MPO

Lauren Bradley, City of Asheville